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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

NAKAMURA ET AL.

Examiner

Karabi Guharay

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment, filed on 1/11/06.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5 and 6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 5 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/11/06
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Amendment, filed on 1/11/2006 has been considered and entered.

Claims 1, 5-6 are amended.

Claim 4 is cancelled.

Specification

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The following title is suggested: ---DISPLAY DEVICE INCLUDING SHIELD MEMBER-----.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 & 5 objected to because of the following informalities:

Claims 1 & 5 recites "ends of the cathode lines", there are two ends of the cathode lines one is being terminated outside the display area but inside the frame. In order to distinguish the particular end, "that terminal ends of the cathode lines" should be recited instead of "ends of cathode lines".

Appropriate corrections are required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tajima et al.
(US 20020021081).

Regarding claim 6, Tajima et al. disclose a display device (see Fig 1) comprising a face substrate (11) which has anode (metal back, not shown in Fig) and a fluorescent material (12) on an inner surface thereof, a plurality of cathode lines (3-2) which extend in one first direction and juxtaposed in a second direction which crosses the first direction and has electron emitting sources, control electrodes (accelerating electrode) which are constituted by arranging a plurality of strip-like electrode elements which cross the cathode lines in a non-contact state within a display region, extending said second direction (3-1) and are juxtaposed in said first direction, and have electron passing apertures for allowing electrons from the electron emitting sources to pass therethrough toward the face substrate, a back substrate (1) which has said control electrodes and said cathode lines disposed on an inner surface thereof and which faces the face substrate with a given distance therebetween; and a frame body (4) which is inserted between the face substrate and the back substrate and is arranged around the display region to maintain said given distance, wherein the cathode lines have extending ends that are terminated at positions outside the display region, and the frame body (4) is superposed on the cathode lines (see Fig 1, Fig 4 and paragraph 121& 134).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3 & 5 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Reasons for allowance are presented in previous office action.

Other Prior Art Cited

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to

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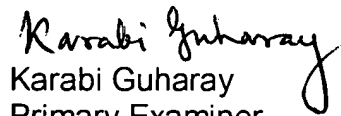
applicant's disclosure : Lee et al. (US 2001/0050529): Sato et al. (US 6867537).

Contact Information

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